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Class 349 LIQUID CRYSTAL CELLS, ELEMENTS AND SYSTEMS[Click here to view a PDF version of this file](#)

- 1** **LIQUID CRYSTAL SYSTEM**
- 2** . Liquid crystal for recording or imaging on photosensitive medium
- 3** .. Printer or print bar
- 4** .. Exposure device for lithography
- 5** . Projector including liquid crystal cell (s)
- 6** .. Overhead projector
- 7** .. Video/motion picture projector
- 8** .. Plural light path projectors
- 9** ... Having light separated into S and P polarization
- 10** ... Wherein liquid crystal cells include microencapsulated or polymer dispersed liquid crystal
- 11** . Heads-up display
- 12** . Liquid crystal writing tablet
- 13** . Liquid crystal eyewear (glasses, goggles, etc.) — 351/158
- 14** .. For protection
- 15** .. Stereoscopic
- 16** . Liquid crystal window
- 17** . Computational system employing liquid crystal element (neural network, correlation device, optical computer)
- 18** . Variable or rotatable retarder used with other retarders to produce filtering effects (Solc, Lyot, Partial)
- 19** **PARTICULAR EXCITATION OF LIQUID CRYSTAL**
- 20** . Thermal excitation
- 21** .. By heating electrode
- 22** .. By light beam heating (e.g., IR, laser, etc.)
- 23** . Magnetic or pressure excitation
- 24** . Optical excitation
- 25** .. With photoconductive layer (e.g., spatial light modulator(SLMs))
- 26** ... Of an alloy of S, Se, or Te
- 27** ... With silicon photoconductive layer
- 28** With silicon photodiode, N-I-N photoconductor structure, or P-I-P photoconductor structure
- 29** ... With particular light blocking layer for separating read and write lights
- 30** ... With particular dielectric mirror for spatial light modulator (i.e., SLM)
- 31** . Electron beam excitation
- 32** . Plasma excitation
- 33** . Electrical excitation of liquid crystal (i.e., particular voltage pulses, AC vs. DC, threshold voltages, etc.)
- 34** .. With application of holding or bias voltage (i.e., voltage which does not change the optical state of the liquid crystal)
- 35** .. For driving Grandjean to focal conic or dynamic scattering type liquid crystal
- 36** .. Including diverse driving frequencies
- 37** .. Polarity based driving
- 38** .. With supplemental capacitor
- 39** ... In active matrix with separate dedicated capacitor line
- 40** .. With antistatic elements
- 41** .. With particular switching device
- 42** ... Transistor

- 43 Structure of transistor
- 44 With light block conductively connected to transistor
- 45 Transferred transistor
- 46 With particular gate electrode structure
- 47 With gate electrode between liquid crystal and semiconductor layer
- 48 Plural nonredundant transistors per pixel
- 49 ... Two terminal nonlinear switching device (e.g., N-I-N, S-I-S, Ferroelectric, etc.)
- 50 Diode
- 51 Metal-insulator-metal (i.e., MIM)
- 52 With particular insulating layer
- 53 Varistor
- 54 .. Matrix including additional element (s) which correct or compensate for electrical fault
- 55 ... Laser links
- 56 PARTICULAR STRUCTURE**
- 57 . Lens or prism separate from projection system (i.e., it is not integral part of illumination system)
- 58 . Holder, support, frame, or housing
- 59 .. Including electromagnetic shielding
- 60 .. Including resilient support member
- 61 . Particular illumination
- 62 .. With integral optical element for guiding or distributing light from the light source
- 63 ... Specifically for guiding light in a front-lit device
- 64 ... Diffuser between light source and liquid crystal
- 65 ... Edge lit type light guide behind liquid crystal
- 66 ... Louvres
- 67 ... Reflector having particular shape behind light source
- 68 .. With plural diverse light sources (e.g., for day and night)
- 69 .. Electroluminescent light source
- 70 .. Fluorescent light source
- 71 ... Formed of planar phosphor or fluorescent layer separate from illumination source
- 72 . Detector of liquid crystal temperature
- 73 . Interconnection of plural cells in parallel (e.g., edge to edge)
- 74 . Interconnection of plural cells in series
- 75 .. For compensation of birefringence effects
- 76 ... Of twisted (or chiral) nematic or supertwisted nematic liquid crystal
- 77 .. With particular cooperation between cells (e.g., alternating selection or simultaneous selection of cells)
- 78 ... Cell cooperation providing multicolor display
- 79 With color formed by different dye in each cell
- 80 With color formed by different color polarizer or color filter associated with each cell
- 81 ... With cells being substantially identical and driven simultaneously, providing improved contrast
- 82 ... With projection of electrodes in one cell substantially nonoverlapping that of another cell (i.e., for improving resolution)
- 83 ... With each cell displaying a different pattern
- 84 . Having significant detail of cell structure only
- 85 .. Producing a greyscale effect
- 86 .. Microencapsulated or polymer dispersed liquid crystal
- 87 ... For variable polarizer
- 88 ... Polymer network liquid crystal
- 89 ... With particular encapsulating medium
- 90 With second material between liquid crystal and encapsulating medium
- 91 With nonpolymer encapsulating medium
- 92 ... Formed by particular technique
- 93 Having UV polymerized element
- 94 Formed with particular alignment technique

- 95 .. Microlenses
- 96 .. Polarizer
- 97 ... Color
- 98 ... Circular
- 99 ... With particular non-zero angle between polarization axis and orientation direction
- 100 For ferroelectric liquid crystal
- 101 For supertwisted nematic liquid crystal
- 102 ... With particular non-zero angle between polarization axis and compensator optical axis
- 103 ... With particular non-zero and non-90 angle between opposite polarization axes
- 104 .. Filter
- 105 ... Interference filter
- 106 ... Color filter
- 107 With different liquid crystal thickness for each color of filter
- 108 With plural colors for each display element (i.e., each pixel or segment)
- 109 With unequal areas for different colors or with fractional shift between one line of colors and the next
- 110 ... Opaque mask or black mask
- 111 Conductive mask
- 112 .. Diffuser (on viewer side of liquid crystal)
- 113 .. Reflector
- 114 ... Dielectric mirror (i.e., in devices excited other than by photoconductive layer) or translector
- 115 ... Cholesteric reflector
- 116 .. Photoconductive element (i.e., not used for exciting)
- 117 .. Compensator or retarder (i.e., not using liquid crystal cell)
- 118 ... With refractive indices in the x, y, and z directions
- 119 ... Multiple compensators
- 120 Including at least one with negative intrinsic birefringence
- 121 ... With particular non-zero angle between compensator optical axis and orientation direction
- 122 .. Particular nonoptical film or layer (e.g., adhesive layer, barrier layer)
- 123 ... Alignment layer
- 124 Formed by particular technique (e.g., Langmuir Blodgett, stretching, etc.)
- 125 Having particular deposited structure (e.g., angled, plural layered) produced by vapor deposition
- 126 Having structure produced by rubbing under particular rubbing conditions (e.g., particular direction, rubbing force, by using named rubbing material or roller, etc.)
- 127 Formed of a liquid crystal material
- 128 With different alignments on opposite substrates
- 129 With plural alignments on the same substrate
- 130 For perpendicular alignment
- 131 Silanes
- 132 For parallel alignment
- 133 With chiral smectic liquid crystal (includes ferroelectric liquid crystal)
- 134 With particular pretilt angle from the alignment layer
- 135 With particular polymer composition of the alignment layer (e.g., fluorine-containing aliphatic polyamide)
- 136 With particular pretilt angle (i.e., with liquid crystal other than chiral smectic)
- 137 ... Antireflection layer
- 138 ... Insulating layer
- 139 .. Electrode or bus detail (i.e., excluding supplemental capacitor and transistor electrodes)
- 140 ... Formed of semiconductor material
- 141 ... Interdigitated (comb-shaped) electrodes
- 142 ... Segmented or fixed pattern
- 143 ... Matrix electrodes
- 144 Split pixels

- 145 Nonrectilinear rows and columns
- 146 Nonrectangular (odd) shaped pixels
- 147 Multilayer electrodes
- 148 Resistance reducing electrodes
- 149 ... Having connection detail to external circuit
- 150 Featuring flexible circuit (i.e., tape automated bonding (TAB), etc.)
- 151 With driving circuit having input and output electrodes on liquid crystal substrate
- 152 With detail of terminals to external circuit
- 153 .. Liquid crystal seal
- 154 ... With particular injection port or injection plug
- 155 .. Spacer
- 156 ... Formed as walls (e.g., between pixels) or integral with substrate
- 157 ... Plural types in single liquid crystal cell
- 158 .. Substrate
- 159 ... Fiberoptic faceplate
- 160 ... With particular topology (i.e., other than for diffraction and spacers)
- 161 .. Heating or cooling element other than for exciting
- 162 .. Dual function layer or element
- 163 .. Nonchiral additive in the liquid crystal material
- 164 ... Fluorescent additive
- 165 ... Pleochroic dye
- 166 ... Nonspacer particles significantly smaller than liquid crystal thickness (e.g., scattering centers, ferromagnetic particles, etc.)
- 167 WITH SPECIFIED NONCHEMICAL CHARACTERISTIC OF LIQUID CRYSTAL MATERIAL**
- 168 . Utilizing change between diverse phases (e.g., cholesteric to nematic)
- 169 . Utilizing change within liquid crystal phase (e.g., Grandjean to focal conic, etc.)
- 170 . Utilizing reversal in sign of dielectric anisotropy
- 171 . Within smectic phase
- 172 .. Within chiral smectic phase (includes ferroelectric)
- 173 ... Greyscale resulting from liquid crystal property other than solely Smectic A
- 174 ... Antiferroelectric
- 175 . Within cholesteric phase
- 176 .. Using reflection characteristic
- 177 . Within nematic phase
- 178 .. Negative dielectric anisotropy only
- 179 .. Twisted (or chiral) nematic or supertwisted nematic
- 180 ... Having particular parameter of twist
- 181 ... Having particular birefringence or retardation
- 182 CELL CONTAINING LIQUID CRYSTAL OF SPECIFIC COMPOSITION**
- 183 . Polymer liquid crystal
- 184 . In smectic phase
- 185 . In cholesteric phase
- 186 . In nematic phase
- 187 NOMINAL MANUFACTURING METHODS OR POST MANUFACTURING PROCESSING OF LIQUID CRYSTAL CELL**
- 188 . Changing liquid crystal phase
- 189 . Injecting liquid crystal
- 190 . Sealing of liquid crystal
- 191 . Aligning liquid crystal with means other than alignment layer
- 192 . Defect correction or compensation
- 193 LIQUID CRYSTAL OPTICAL ELEMENT**
- 194 . Passive liquid crystal polarizer
- 195 . Antidazzle mirror formed from liquid crystal cell
- 196 . Beam dividing switch formed from liquid crystal cell
- 197 .. Including passive liquid crystal switch portion
- 198 . Liquid crystal etalon
- 199 . Liquid crystal sensors (e.g., voltmeters, pressure sensors, temperature sensors)

- 200 . Liquid crystal lenses other than for eyewear
- 201 . Liquid crystal diffraction element
- 202 .. For beam steering

FOREIGN ART COLLECTIONS

FOR000 **CLASS-RELATED FOREIGN DOCUMENTS**

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UTILIZING A LIQUID CRYSTAL MATERIAL (359/36)

- FOR100 . With particular illumination (359/48)
- FOR101 .. Having optical element (e.g., curved reflector behind light source, etc.) (359/49)
- FOR102 .. Fluorescent light (e.g., FLAD type) (359/50)
- FOR103 . Microencapsulated liquid crystal (359/51)
- FOR104 .. With particular encapsulating medium (359/52)
- FOR105 . Plural contiguous cells (359/53)
- FOR106 . Having electrodes arranged into rows and columns (359/54)
- FOR107 .. With liquid crystal electrode excitation (359/55)
- FOR108 ... For ferroelectric liquid crystal (359/56)
- FOR109 ... With particular switching device (359/57)
- FOR110 .. With particular switching device (359/58)
- FOR111 ... Transistor (359/59)
- FOR112 ... Diode (359/60)
- FOR113 . Having particular nonelectrical detail of cell structure enclosing or adjacent liquid crystal material (359/62)
- FOR114 .. Polarizer (359/63)
- FOR115 ... Color (359/64)
- FOR116 ... Circular (359/65)
- FOR117 .. Diffuser (359/69)
- FOR118 ... Dielectric mirror or transflector (359/71)
- FOR119 .. Particular nonoptical film or layer (e.g., adhesive layer, barrier layer, etc.) (359/74)
- FOR120 ... Alignment layer (359/75)

- FOR121 Formed by particular technique (e.g., vapor deposition, rubbing, etc.) (359/76)
 - FOR122 For perpendicular alignment (359/77)
 - FOR123 For parallel alignment (359/78)
 - FOR124 .. Substrate (359/82)
 - FOR125 .. Holder, support, or frame (359/83)
 - FOR126 . With specified electrode excitation characteristic of liquid crystal material (359/84)
 - FOR127 .. Provided by particular circuit (359/85)
 - FOR128 . With detector of liquid crystal temperature (359/86)
 - FOR129 . Electrode detail (359/87)
 - FOR130 .. Reversal in sign of dielectric anisotropy (359/92)
 - FOR131 . Birefringers effect (359/93)
 - FOR132 . Variable index of refraction (359/94)
 - FOR133 . Variable diffraction (359/95)
 - FOR134 . Variable absorption of light due to an additive in the liquid crystal material (359/96)
 - FOR135 .. Flurescent additive (359/97)
 - FOR136 .. Pleochroic dye (359/98)
 - FOR137 . With specified nonchemical characteristic of liquid crystal material (359/99)
 - FOR138 .. Within smectic phase (359/100)
 - FOR139 .. Within cholestric phase (359/101)
 - FOR140 .. Within nematic phase (359/102)
 - FOR141 . Cell containing liquid crystal of specified composition (359/103)
 - FOR142 .. In smectic phase (359/104)
 - FOR143 .. In cholesteric phase (359/105)
 - FOR144 .. In nematic phase (359/106)
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